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NEWS RELEASE SUMMARY - February 11, 2008

United States Attorney Karen P. Hewitt announced that Nathan Morgan pled guilty today in federal court in San Diego to an Information charging him with one count of possession of child pornography, in violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 2252(a)(4)(B). Morgan entered his guilty plea before Magistrate Judge Anthony J. Battaglia, subject to final acceptance of the plea by United States District Court Judge Marilyn L. Huff, at the time of sentencing.

According to the court records, Morgan admitted that on or about July 17, 2007, he possessed a computer which contained between 10-150 images of minors, some as young as eight years old, engaging in sexually explicit conduct with each other.

Sentencing for Morgan is scheduled for April 28, 2008 at 9:00 a.m., before United States District Court Judge Marilyn L. Huff.

This case stems from an investigation by the San Diego Internet Crimes Against Children Task Force, whose members include Immigration and Customs Enforcement, the San Diego Police Department, the San Diego Sheriff's Department, the San Diego District Attorney's Office, the San Diego City Attorney's Office, the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the United States Postal Inspection Service, the Chula Vista Police Department, the La Mesa Police Department, and the Naval Criminal Investigative Service.

This case is being brought as part of Project Safe Childhood, a nationwide Department of Justice initiative designed to protect children from online exploitation and abuse. Led by the United States Attorneys' Offices, Project Safe Childhood marshals federal, state and local resources to better locate, apprehend, and prosecute individuals who exploit children via the Internet, as well as identify and rescue victims. For more information about Project Safe Childhood, please visit www.projectsafechildhood.gov.

DEFENDANT

Case Number: 08cr0036-H

Nathan Morgan

SUMMARY OF CHARGES

Title 18, United States Code, Section and 2252(a)(4)(B) (Possession of Child Pornography)
Maximum Penalty: 10 years' incarceration , \$250,000 fine, a minimum of 5 years and up to a lifetime of supervised release and registration as a sex offender.

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